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This fact sheet is provided as a reference to encourage a greater understanding of the various issues related to managing water in south Florida.

Modified Phase II and Modified Phase III Water Restrictions

Recent rains over South Florida's upper and lower East Coast have added enough water to the system to allow an adjustment in water restrictions. Water conservation remains a priority, but it is possible for most water use activities to resume in Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, St. Lucie and Martin Counties. **Modified restrictions are limited to landscape irrigation**, which is the single biggest use of potable water in South Florida.

In specified areas, all other restrictions on activities including car, boat and pressure washing; and irrigation of sports fields, golf courses, plant nurseries and farms are lifted. Water utility companies can resume operating at full pressure, and buildings with cooling towers can be air-conditioned at temperatures below 78 degrees.

Modified Phase II

Covering Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, St. Lucie and Martin Counties, except areas noted in Modified Phase III

- All landscape irrigation is restricted to two days per week.
- ***For properties with less than five acres:***
 - Odd-numbered addresses may water from 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Even-numbered addresses may water from 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Thursdays and Sundays.
 - Installations which irrigate both odd and even addresses, including multi-family complexes, may water from 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Thursdays and Sundays.
 - Low-volume hand-watering is also permitted from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on designated irrigation days.
- ***For properties with more than five acres:***
 - Odd-numbered addresses may water from 12:01 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Even-numbered addresses may water from 12:01 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Thursdays and Sundays.
 - Installations which irrigate both odd and even addresses, including multi-family complexes, may water from 12:01 a.m. to 8 a.m., two days per week, on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays or Sundays.
 - Low-volume hand-watering is permitted from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on designated irrigation days.
- ***For new landscaping:***
 - Plantings that have been in place up to 30 days, on properties less than 5 acres, can be watered from 2 a.m. to 8 a.m. every day except Fridays. On properties more than 5 acres, irrigation is permitted from 12:01 a.m. to 8 a.m. every day except Fridays.



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Plantings that have been in place between 30 and 60 days, on properties less than 5 acres, can be watered from 2 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. On properties more than 5 acres, irrigation is permitted from 12:01 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Modified Phase III

Within the city limits and water utility service areas in Lake Worth, Lantana, Dania and Hallandale

- All landscape irrigation is restricted to one day per week.
- ***For properties with less than five acres:***
 - Odd-numbered addresses may water from 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Saturdays. Even-numbered addresses may water from 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Sundays.
 - Installations which irrigate both odd and even addresses, including multi-family complexes, may water from 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Sundays.
 - Low-volume hand-watering is also permitted from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the designated irrigation day.
- ***For properties with more than five acres:***
 - Odd-numbered addresses may water from 12:01 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Saturdays. Even-numbered addresses may water from 12:01 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Sundays.
 - Installations which irrigate both odd and even addresses, including multi-family complexes, may water from 12:01 a.m. to 8 a.m., one day per week, on Saturdays or Sundays.
 - Low-volume hand-watering is permitted from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the designated irrigation day.
- ***For new landscaping:***
 - Plantings that have been in place up to 60 days, on properties less than 5 acres, can be watered from 2 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. On properties more than 5 acres, irrigation is permitted from 12:01 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Any landscape irrigation done outside of the allowed schedule requires a variance from the South Florida Water Management District. Variances are no longer required for activities such as charity car washes and the use of water slides.

Exception:

The **City of West Palm Beach** continues to enforce Phase III restrictions, including limiting watering and car or boat washing to one day per week. Limits also remain on the irrigation of golf courses and sports fields, low-volume pressure washing and other activities. Please visit the city's web site for more information: <http://www.cityofwpb.com/restrictions/index.html>.